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Deals with Barricaded Subject

Yorktown, December 5, 2005 – On November 29 at 9:19 pm, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office responded to the Clairmont Apartments (located near the intersection of Rt. 17 and Ft. Eustis Blvd) in reference to someone lighting firecrackers. Upon arrival, deputies confronted a male subject who quickly retreated to his apartment and began firing a rifle both indiscriminately and at deputies. A perimeter was established and residents were evacuated from their apartments that were in the line of fire. Approximately 20-30 persons were evacuated. They were able to return to their apartments shortly after 1:00 am.

During a two-hour period, approximately 15-20 shots were fired by the subject. At 11:14 pm, the last shot was heard. Deputies had continued to attempt to make contact with the subject throughout the situation with no success. At 1:00 am, the Sheriff's Office Emergency Response Team entered the apartment and discovered that the subject had taken his own life. No one was injured and no shots were fired by deputies.

The subject was identified as Keith Jones of the 100 block of Delray Drive.